

House Amendment 8499

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1 1 Amend House File 2686 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 19, by inserting after line 9 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <Sec. _____. LIVING WAGE IMPACT STUDY.
1 5 1. If funding is approved or appropriated to the
1 6 state board of regents for such purposes, Iowa state
1 7 university shall conduct a study regarding the
1 8 economic, fiscal, and social impacts of establishing
1 9 the living wage, also known as the self-sufficiency
1 10 wage, in Iowa. The living wage in the study shall be
1 11 based on a forty-hour work week, and the study shall
1 12 provide all of the following:
1 13 a. A two-tiered living wage, one tier with
1 14 benefits and one without benefits, for family sizes
1 15 ranging from two people to six people for all
1 16 ninety-nine counties.
1 17 b. The impact that a living wage would have on
1 18 full-time workers, the multiplier effect of a living
1 19 wage on the economy, and whether more jobs would be
1 20 created by this multiplier effect.
1 21 c. How a living wage would impact public
1 22 assistance programs, particularly whether it would
1 23 reduce costs.
1 24 d. How a living wage would impact state and local
1 25 economic development programs.
1 26 e. How a living wage would assist or hinder the
1 27 housing market.
1 28 f. Taking into account paragraphs "b", "c", "d",
1 29 and "e", examine whether there would be an overall
1 30 positive impact on the economy considering possible
1 31 business concerns of inflation and job loss.
1 32 g. Evaluate other states or metropolitan areas
1 33 that have a living wage to provide examples of how a
1 34 living wage could be implemented on a phased-in basis
1 35 for all workers in this state, including the private
1 36 and public sectors.
1 37 h. Any other recommendations that the individuals
1 38 assigned to the study believe are relevant to
1 39 establishing a living wage in this state.
1 40 2. An Iowa state university sociology professor,
1 41 an Iowa state university human development and family
1 42 studies professor, and an Iowa state university
1 43 economics professor, all who specialize in this area,
1 44 shall conduct and coordinate the study.
1 45 3. The department of workforce development, the
1 46 department of economic development, the department of
1 47 human services, the university of Iowa, the university
1 48 of northern Iowa, the child and family policy center,
1 49 the Iowa policy project, and representatives of labor
1 50 organizations and associations representing business
2 1 and industry shall cooperate in conducting the study.
2 2 4. Iowa state university shall submit a report
2 3 about the findings of the study to the general
2 4 assembly by December 14, 2008.>
2 5 #2. Title page, line 5, by inserting before the
2 6 word <and> the following: <establishing a living wage
2 7 study,>.
2 8 #3. By renumbering as necessary.
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